

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

A meeting was held at the small meeting room in the East Granby Town Hall on February 8, 2017. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. In attendance: Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro; members Corrine Dickerson, Dolores Campbell, Yvon P. Lemieux, Felice Mara, and Mary Ellen Tressy; student Kylie Geer; Director of Social Services Alicia Van Neil; and First Selectman James Hayden and Selectman John Ziobro. Absent: members Rose C. Egnat, and Marie Sandora; student Rachel Griffin; and Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio offered a belated Happy New Year to all as there was no meeting in January.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections offered concerning the minutes of the meeting held on December 6, 2016. F Mara motioned and Y Lemieux seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were all in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

R Galluccio read what K Jacobs submitted to him. The kitchen renovation estimate is \$27,000. J Hayden indicated that a second estimate is likely.

The March to May Senior Moments is being worked on and should be in homes late March. The hearing clinic is full again, and another is being scheduled for April.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

According to A Van Neil, the Christmas food baskets were successfully delivered. About half went to seniors. Also, a Girl Scout troop went out delivering ornaments and singing carols.

The Emergency Fuel Assistance program ends March 15, at which time Operation Fuel money can be spent differently.

The Renters Rebate Program will be starting in April if it is not cut by the State. Last year, eligible renters received rebates @\$50 less than they had in prior years.

## 5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

In 2016, A Van Neil reported there were 28 volunteers; and 8 businesses have offered their services. R Galluccio asked J Hayden how the updated website was progressing since it will be featuring The Good Samaritan Program. J Hayden stated that work had halted for a while; but now the revisions were being worked on again and the website should be up and running in about two months.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

J Hayden gave the following State of the Town report:

- \*East Granby has 5,100 residents—up by 6% from the year 2000.

- \*30% of the land is open space.

- \*600 acres of Bradley International Airport is in East Granby and brings \$640,000 in tax compensation.

- \*reverse 911 is working well and can be customized using the Town website.

- \*the Fire Marshall is offering free smoke detectors including installation if requested.

- \*Granby Ambulance still services the Town and gave 459 “rides” in 2016.

- \*the Resident State Trooper had a successful drug disposal day and is intending to have these days quarterly.

- \*East Granby is a founding member of Resilience Grows Here, a group whose work is dedicated to helping veterans in a wide variety of ways; and there was a \$150,000 grant given to the Town.

- \*the current Moody’s rating for the Town is a good AA2.

- \*the Board of Selectman turned back \$112,000 to the Town as unused money in 2016.

- \*there are continuing reviews and revisions to the Town’s infrastructure needs including a new roof for the Middle/High School...50% of the Town roads that were rated poor have been repaired or resurfaced so far at a cost of \$174,000.

- \*LED lights were installed in Town buildings and parking lots at a savings which is already noticeable.

- \*the Town got an \$800,000 small cities grant for Metacomet/Higley roofs, furnaces, and parking lots.

- \*the Town shares a variety of services with various neighboring towns at a cost savings of \$75,000 in 2016.

- \*the 2016 Grand List is down .9% from 2015.

F Mara asked if the RCC road was going to be improved. J Hayden stated that the Town has been using milling from paving projects and that more was going to be used this month. A deeper milling pack is planned for summer when milling from the State’s repaving project on Route 187 is to be given to the Town at no cost.

Y Lemieux asked what the biggest concern is for the coming year. J Hayden stated that financial concerns are greatest as costs and obligations are up and State reimbursements are down.

L Ziobro asked if the Board of Education budget can be reduced because of its huge impact on the Town budget. J Hayden stated that, while the Board of Education is an independent board and, as such, is not governed by the Board of Selectmen, they do realize that they need to have a more watchful eye on costs and spending than ever before.

The Welcome Wagon brochure, as stated by A Van Neil, is complete except for a few small corrections and now bears a photo of the Senior Community Center. It is in color. She indicated that she would be emailing a final one to the COA as soon possible. There was a discussion about what to do with it including making it available at Metacomet and Higley villages, and as an insert in Let's Talk Turkey and/or Senior Moments. R Galluccio stated that the difference in inserts was that Let's Talk Turkey would not cost anything; but Senior Moments comes out of K Jacob's budget. Suggestions were also made to have it available for distribution at various businesses and offices like doctors.

C Dickerson motioned and L Ziobro seconded accepting the brochure. All were in favor and the motion passed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

R Galluccio stated that the Senior Center Improvements List January 2017, which he had emailed to the COA, included a corrected amount for a shed and roof. F Mara motioned and Y Lemieux seconded accepting the List. All were all in favor and the motion passed.

There was a round table list compiled of ideas for the 2017 COA Initiatives, which is attached to these minutes, and will be a subject for discussion at the next meeting.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were none.

10. ADJOURN

L Ziobro motioned and M E Tressy seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Marsele  
Clerk



**Senior Center Improvements List January 2017--Prepared by the Commission on Aging**

<b>SENIOR CENTER NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS LIST</b> <i>(List will be updated each year)</i>	<b>ESTIMATE</b>	<b>PLAN</b>
1. Repave Parking Lot	25,000	2018-19
2. New Window Coverings	8,000	TBD
3. Renovate Kitchen, (Floor, Ceiling, Refinish Cabinets, Counter Tops)	15,000	2020-21
4. Replace 2006 bus	50,000	2018-19
5. Upgrade Air Conditioning/Heating system— Temperatures and humidity are not easily controlled	35,000	2019-20
6. Floor surface replacement (carpet tiles continue to curi with change in temperatures)	TBD	TBD
7. Replace chairs & tables in Main Area	20,000	TBD
8. Gas Fire Boiler	12,000	2019-20
9. Roof Replacement	40,000	2018-19
10. External Facia Replacement	8,000	2019-20
Additional Vehicle for Senior Transportation (car)		Complete
Generator		Complete
Paint Community Center Interior/ repair pull down screen columns & facia/add filler & caulk separated seams		Complete
Replace Senior Center sidewalk including brick area-- create handicap access ramp in front of building for drop-offs		Complete
Handicap access door and entry		Complete
<b>SENIOR CENTER WISH LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
1. Enhancement of Travel Services (2nd Bus)	TBD	
2. Computers/Tablets for Senior classes and resources/3 computers	TBD	
3. Outside Storage unit	6,000	
4. Build Addition to Senior/Community Center	TBD	
Added handicap access to Bathrooms		Complete
Increased Social Services Director Hours to 20 hours per week/Add 2hrs/wk		Complete
Replace Sofas		Complete
New or refurbished chairs for large meeting table		Complete
Paint or replace rain-spouts		Complete
Increased Social Services Director Hours to 18 hours per week/Add 3 hrs/wk		Complete
Increased Senior Center Director Hours to 18 hours per week/Add 2 hrs/wk		Complete
Interior Storage		Complete
Film on Windows to reduce glare		Complete

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## 2017 COA INITIATIVES

- \*Carwash fundraiser
- \*Restaurant collaboration for % sales to COA
- \*COA meet at Metacomet/Higley as an outreach
- \*Have another event/party like the clambake
- \*Modestly beautify the pond area until Resilience plan takes over
- \*Review/revise discount list
- \*Advertise COA at YMCA or other businesses
- \*Outreach to veterans to become involved in COA
- \*Blend different senior groups to common purposes
- \*Better promotion of senior activities
- \*Distribute holiday baskets at a party
- \*Greenway Days when seniors (& others) can walk with others
- \*Request Women's Club to take on the kitchen floor replacement
- \*Senior Citizen Day at the high school
- \*Have a wine tasting
- \*Have kids adopt seniors & attend events/sports/concerts/plays etc together
- \*Explore more transportation options to events/sports/concerts/plays/food pantry etc
- \*Investigate grants for kitchen renovations
- \*Get estimates for carpet replacement